



COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Code Enforcement Division

August 31, 2020

RE: AMENDED RENTAL HOUSING ORDINANCE

Dear Sir or Madam,

Columbia City Council gave final reading approval of Ordinance 2020-077 (Amending Rental Housing Regulations, Sec. 5-330 Violations and assignment of violations (d)(1)(d)) on August 27, 2020. This ordinance adds that a violation of a mandate or regulation by local or state governments to address a health or safety concern (such as the social distancing/mask requirements related to the COVID-19 pandemic) would be considered a "serious violation or offense." Such violations may be assessed 10 points. This includes large social gatherings or parties that are in violation of this ordinance.

We ask that you share this information with your tenants and educate them on the importance of following local and state regulations as well as social distancing guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

For your convenience, I've included an FAQ with this letter. Additional information and a copy of the ordinance can be found online at <https://resilient.columbiasc.gov/2020/08/covid-19-tools-resources/>.

You may also give us a call at **803-545-4362**.

Thanking you in advance,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David L. Hatcher", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

David L. Hatcher

Housing Official

